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FM AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5163

INFO AMEMBASSY BAMAKO

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ALGIERS 2237

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SREF

SUBJECT: VISIT TO MOROCCO OF UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

REF: RABT'S 5056 (NOTAL)

1. COMMENTS OF SADRUDDIN KHAN AND RIZVY ABOUT PROBLEMS OF IDENTIFYING REFUGEES AT TINDOUF VERY INTERESTING. IT IS FIRST INDICATION WE HAVE HAD OF DOUBTS IN UNHCR MINDS THIS SCORE.

2. WE OF COURSE IN NO POSITION PASS JUDGMENT ON MATTER. JOURNALISTS AND OTHER PERSONS WE HAVE TALKED TO WHO HAVE BEEN TO AREA APPEAR CONVINCED GREAT MAJORITY OF PEOPLE IN QUESTION ARE IN FACT SAHARAN REFUGEES, BUT THEY COULD BE FOOLED AS EASILY AS WE.

3. FOR THE RECORD, HOWEVER, WE DOUBT VERY MUCH MOROCCAN OFFICIAL LINE THAT ACTUAL NUMBER OF REFUGEES IS FROM 4,000 TO 5,000 AND THAT REST ARE DROUGHT REFUGEES FROM NIGER AND MALI OR RGUIBAT TRIBESMEN FROM ALGERIA. LATTER NUMBER SOME 7,000, WHILE NUMBER OF REFUGEES SEEMS TO BE 30-40,000. NEAREST CORNER OF NIGER TO TINDOUF IS 1600 KILOMETERS DISTANT.  
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NEAREST MALIAN WATER HOLE IS 680. ANYTHING POSSIBLE, BUT

FIND IT DIFFICULT TO VISUALIZE 18,000 NOMADS, OR EVEN 8,000,  
MAKING SUCH TREKS WITHOUT IT ATTRACTING CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION.  
WOULD WELCOME BAMAKO AND NIAMEY COMMENTS THIS REGARD.  
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